

Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

1.917
22Em-7
Cap 2
PLEASE
CIRCULATE
THIS COPY

EMPLOYEES' NEWS BULLETIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL

LIBRARY
CURRENT SERIAL RECORD
FEB 27 1945 ☆
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Division of Personnel Relations and Safety

Vol. II

February 7, 1945

No. 13

VALENTINE ACTIVITIES

There are lots of Valentine programs scheduled for the Valentine season 'round about the town. Girls, take cognizance and enjoy the season.

Valentine evening, Feb. 15, at 8:30 p.m., there will be a gala affair in the Agri. auditorium, sponsored by the Friendly Club of Washington. Admission is free and a limited number of tickets is available in room 528.

Bill Merson of the radio will be M. C. The program will be an all-Government employees Musical Revue. The grand finale will come when "Miss Valentine of 1945", the Government Girl Sweetheart of Washington will be selected. If you would like to be a contestant call Marion Mattie, Du. 2750 or write Friendly Club, 3333 N St., N.W., Rm. 4, Washington, D. C.

On Feb. 16, 9 to 12, a formal Valentine dance will be held at the YWCA. Servicemen have been invited. Girls, if you would like to go, call Me. 2100 for reservations. Tickets are limited.

Valentine season dances given by State Societies listed on page 4.

FOLKS FROM HOME

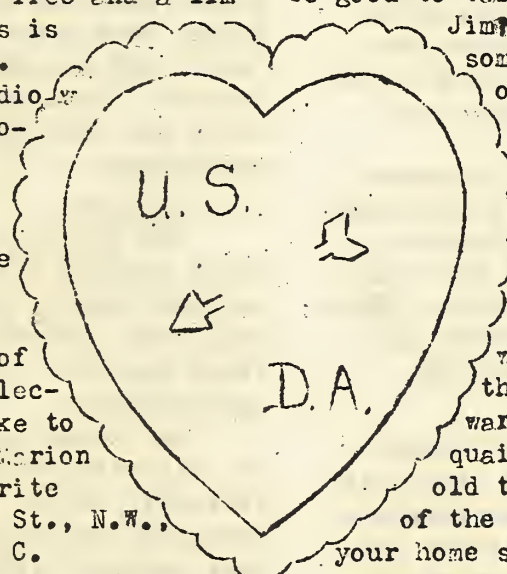
How long have you been in Washington? Are you homesick for familiar names and faces? Of course, you can't go home till your vacation time comes 'round, but did you know that Jim Jones who lived in Jonesville, just a hundred miles southwest of your hometown, whom you went to school with, is also in Washington? Golly, wouldn't it be good to talk over old times with

Jim? Maybe he'd know where some of the rest of that old gang is and what they're doing.

But you don't know that Jim is in town because you haven't heard of him in the past ten years. Let us let you in on a little something we've found out. One of the best places in these war times to renew old acquaintances and talk over old times is a get-together of the folks in Washington from your home state. State Societies

are one cure for the hometown blues. Call an officer of your State Society (your contact officer has a new listing) and learn when the next get-together will be and what the membership requirements are. It's smart to take out a membership subscription

(continued on page 4)



MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

John D. Faust, Cartographic Engineer and Gilbert B. I. Miller, Associate Lithographer, SCS, have been awarded meritorious promotions for developing a procedure whereby color proofing can be used in compilation of maps for the War Department. The procedure has proved very economical and has been recognized by other Federal Agencies which have adopted the method.

BRIDGE CLASSES

In response to popular demand the beginners' bridge class, given by Mr. Lyons will be repeated this spring. It will last for ten weeks, a two hour lesson one night each week.

In addition to the beginners' class there will also be a five-week course for intermediate players. There will be a small fee for each class. To register, call ext. 3105, giving name, extension number and the class you're interested in.

BLOOD DONORS

Have you been a Blood Donor recently? Our boys still need your blood on our far-flung battlefronts in order to live and fight and come back home. If you've never given blood ask someone who has. They'll tell you how easy it is.

The number of donors from the Dept. for the past three months is as follows: Nov. - 447, Dec. - 640. Jan. - 334. Are you a regular donor?

O. I. vs. B & F - REPORT

If you followed our advice and tuned in on W.T.O.P. at 6:15 on Jan. 27 you heard the Battle of the Bureaus with B&F winning the jackpot from O.I. This is the story of the generous winners as the B&F team took the O.I. team to a seafood luncheon (on their winnings) at the wharves. 'Twas a jolly get-acquainted group since each team consisted of the "wits" of the bureau.

That evening in the studio the friends of the contestants were so numerous that they were sitting on the piano and were even jammed into the control room. The studio people were very courteous in handling the "mob", but one of WTOP's men was heard to remark: "What Department is this? I never saw such loyalty." He took it as a compliment.

YOUR BULLETIN

The News Bulletin is your paper. We don't pretend to have any literary style; we just want to publish information of value and interest to you. Any suggestions you have to offer are always greatly appreciated.

One thing we'd like to know is whether the distribution of the Bulletin is sufficiently wide. If you think there are not enough copies distributed, please call your contact officer and offer your suggestions.

* * * * *

* MINUTES SPENT THINKING YOUR JOB SAFE *

* * * * *

* MAY ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE *

* * * * *

F.S.'s 40th BIRTHDAY

On February 1, 1945, Forest Service celebrated its 40th birthday anniversary with an impressive and inspiring program in the auditorium. Among the honored guests who greeted the members of the F.S. on this occasion were our charming First Lady, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and our Secretary, Hon. Claude K. Wickard. A letter from President Roosevelt, written especially in honor of the occasion, was read by Mr. Lyle F. Watts, Chief of the Forest Service.

The program was a presentation of the history of the Service. Former Governor of Pennsylvania Gifford Pinchot who was the first chief of the Forest Service began the story which was carried on by more recent members of the Service. Mr. Watts brought the history up to date. His theme was "Life Begins at Forty" and he presented a challenge to the Service for greater accomplishments in the years to come. A greeting was given by Henry I. Graves, second chief of F.S., and letters from other former chiefs were read.

The grand finale came when a large group of F.S. members, folks who had been with the Service over 30 years, were presented flowers--American Beauty roses for the ladies and carnations for the gentlemen. Among these folks were retired members who accepted invitations to attend the celebration. It was nice seeing them there.

(continued on page 4)

COOKING CLASS.

Last fall, some of the girls in the Department took Mrs. Sheldon's cooking course at the Washington Gas Light Co. and they talked so much about its helpful hints that there seems to be a demand for a repetition. Mrs. Sheldon tells us she'll be glad to have another group of Agriculture Girls. The course, which is free, will be given one evening a week, at 6:30, for four or six weeks. If you're interested call ext. 3105, to register.

NAVY SYMPHONY BAND

Each Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. at the Departmental Auditorium at 12th and Constitution Ave., a concert of beautiful music is presented by the Navy Symphony Orchestra. The concert which is free, is particularly for Government employees and servicemen. It is very popular, so you are advised to get there 15 minutes early to get a seat.

SPRING WARDROBES

At the Information Desk in the Patio you may secure a free copy of Miscellaneous Publication No. 545 entitled "Make-Overs from Coats and Suits". This pamphlet is a boon to the seamstress in these days when good materials are so hard to find and we're trying to make everything last as long as possible. You'll be inspired to devise a new spring outfit for yourself or the kiddies from the out-dated coats and suits stored in the attic.

TOLLS FROM HOME (contin'd. from p. 1)
because there's a big savings over the single tickets.

Unescorted ladies are welcome at the dances. A large reception committee will be present to introduce you. And there are always enough servicemen present so no one need be a wall-flower. The Paul Joneses help you to get acquainted, too. Incidentally, the dress is always optional--formal or informal.

Some of the State Society dances scheduled for the near future follow. They are all from ten til one.

At the Shoreham:

Feb. 10 - MISSOURI, Feb. 15 - NEW YORK, Feb. 17 - IOWA, Feb. 24 - WEST VIRGINIA, Same night - NORTH CAROLINA

At the Wardman Park:

Feb. 13 - MASSACHUSETTS

At the Statler:

Feb. 13 - NEW JERSEY, Feb. 15 - ARKANSAS

At the Willard:

Feb. 22 - VIRGINIA, Feb. 23 - KENTUCKY

Tickets may always be obtained from the State Society officers or at the door. * * *

We're glad to publish time and place of all State Society programs.

FOREST SERVICE (contin'd. from p. 3)

Our congratulations go to the Forest Service on these forty successful years and we shall continue to rejoice with them on their successes in the years to come.

TRANSPORTATION

Want rides

T. Reich, 1380 Ft. Stevens Dr., N.W., ext. 2068

Mr. Van Hyning, 414 Tucker Pl., Alexandria, Va., ext. 4704

Miss Padolsky, 1830 R St., N. W., ext. 5606

Miss Waldfogel, 4420 First Pl., N.W., Call Mrs. Moore, ext. 2054

Want riders

Mr. Burch, 620 Notabene Dr., Arlington, Va., (nr. Presidential Gardens), ext. 2384

Mr. Gooding, Four-Mile-Run Dr. and Columbia Pike, ext. 2010

AMERICAN LEGION

Agriculture Post recently bestowed its Americanism awards at Shaw Junior High School and Jefferson Junior High School to the outstanding boy and girl student in the graduating class of each institution. These awards consist of a citation with the seal of the American Legion commending the student for loyalty, courage, patriotism, and scholarship as well as a bronze medal commemorating the award.

Lawrence H. Sample, Americanism Officer of Agriculture Post officiated for his sixth year.

This is one of the most pleasant duties enjoyed by the Post. * * *

All veterans are invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 8:30 p.m., at the New Colonial Hotel, 15th and M Sts., N.W.